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STRANGE that the Russians objected so panese torpedo-boats.

THE most significant thing in the Eastern situation is the feeling of insecurity manifested by the Russians in regard to Congress have not yet given up all hope, Vladivostok. They are acting as if they but believe that something can be done to contemplated being compelled to give up bring about a change of mind, and secure charged, and could be placed at once on sullen might. These now lay on the miry that place. As we have said before, it the passage of the bill this session. Even appears that Port Arthur must certainly a modification of the Grand Army Bill fall before any determined attack, since would be acceptable. Rather than noth- as follows: the long coast line of the peninsula renders it vulnerable to a descent which will cut off its communications and isolate it. It is another matter with Vladivostok, which is on the mainland. If the Russians give it up it means their retirement the service principle is in no danger, as it from the whole Pacific front, which would is thoroughly recognized and admitted by be an immense loss of prestige and ad- all members of both the Senate and the wantage to them. They have spent innu- House, who say that the passage of the merable millions of money in extending Service Pension Bill is only a question their boundaries to the coast and fortitying to hold them.

therritory as compared with Europe, that than elapsed between the close of the bands prior to the passage of the Act of the bands prior to the passage of the Act of the for food, clothing and shelter for themwe have to have five standard time zones. Mexican War and the passage of the June 27, 1890. No possible calculation selves and families. The embankments is, of course, English, and the meridian of lion rendered much longer and much aggregate. From this grand total must the paths, worn daily deeper by the pas-Greenwich. The eastern is St. Peters- more arduous service than those who enmany and Austro-Hungary. The central rades of the other war. Greenwich idea, but found to work so well that the to promote its enactment. railroad people and scientific men of the warious European countries have been at at this session. If not then, redouble our different countries have at last done so.

THE most unaccountable epidemic of measles is all over the country. The whole crew of the battleship Massachusetts was prostrated by it recently, more than 100 students of the University of Wisconsin are confined to their rooms on account of ft, and its appearance in similar violent that scientists regard measles as an old of the malady. It also kills off Indians and South Sea Islanders in frightful numbers

## DISFRANCHISED WHITES IN THE SOUTH

A startling result of the legislation in the South to limit suffrage has been found in the great number of whites who have been disfranchised. It is now estimated that the vote of the South in the coming plection will be cut down nearly 500,000 compared with that of four years ago. A Arthur within a short time is not improb- roll, this reduction of at least \$7,200,000 large proportion of these are whites, who able. have been shut out by the requirements of paying poll taxes two years in advanced toward the Yalu River tures. It would be more than this because graceful courtesy of might to the greetings vance. There has been a strong protest and several collisions between adagainst the poll-tax, but public sentiment vance bodies have been reported, seems to be unmistakably in favor of its with the advantage generally on getention upon the statute books. At the last election in Alabama 47,000 white men ly that the great battle which some have were denied votes on account of failure expected to come off there will really condition and must die off more rapidly than those rated lower, and consellection in Alabama 47,000 white men ly that the great battle which some have would be even much greater.

And then the boys cheered again and even louder than ever, as if the Flag were happened to them, though, except being even louder than ever, as if the Flag were a sentient thing, which could appreciate the incomparable pride the boys felt in seeing it floating from the lofty pinnacle would be even much greater.

And then the boys cheered again and even louder than ever, as if the Flag were happened to them, though, except being the incomparable pride the boys felt in seeing it floating from the lofty pinnacle would be even much greater. to pay their poll-tax, and it is believed eventuate, since if the Japanese can manthat this number will be increased to 60,- age to shut up the Russian ships in Port 000 this year. In 1902 only 91,839 votes Arthur or to destroy them, they can pour mere cast for Governor of Alabama, prac- a host of men into the Port Arthur penin- to study the pension question, and are intically all white men. This was only sula, which will attack the Russian posi- disputable, so that there is no excuse whatnine per cent. of the white population, and tion on the Yalu in the rear, and either five per cent. of the total population or capture the troops that are there, or com- been made as to the probable cost of the one vote for every 20 people. In Missis- pel them to a hasty retreat. A great bat- G. A. R. Service Pension Bill. seem satisfied with its workings, though can land great forces, and it is the place the number of disfranchised white men where the Russians retreating from Port increases rapidly every year. The tax Arthur and the Yalu River will meet reis from \$1 to \$2 per annum. Compar- inforcements advancing from Harbin, so atively few of the whites, and none of the that the probability is that a decisive colmegroes, would pay \$2 in 1962 for the priv- lision between the land forces will take making a great deal of noise, and drawing flege of voting in 1904. Strong efforts place in that neighborhood. have been made to wake up the people to the importance of voting, but these have been generally failures. In Texas the pay- battle near An-ju. This seems unlikely to ocratic National ticket, put there by the ment of poll-taxes closed Jan. 31, and it was found that it had stricken from the first specified the stricken from the first specified the specified to the specified the specified the specified the specified the specified to the

PROSPECTS OF SERVICE PENSION. The sky, which has so far been quite

favorable to the passage of the Service Pension bill by this session of Congress, was suddenly overcast last week by the announcement that the leaders of the Senate and House had canvassed the mat ter thoroughly, and come to the conclusion that the enormous cost of such a measure would be prohibitive at this time. They admitted its justice and the strong pressure throughout the country for it, but claimed that the cost would be too great for the country to stand. Chairman Sulloway, of the House Committee on In- fundamental figures in the matter: valid Pensions, put the figures at \$60,000,-000. Of course, this is an absurd exaggeration, for it is difficult to see how it this estimate has had a dampening effect cometime in the future.

Some of the leaders hold out the hope that the bill will be passed at the next to \$12 per menth. Under the Act of June halted on the hill to await orders about session of Congress. Of course, it will 27, 1890, there are 282,939 invalids recost much less if enacted next year than ceiving less than \$12 per month, whom boys' eyes eagerly drank in every detail cost much less if enacted next year than it will cost \$14,402,820 a year to raise to of the panorama stretching out before this year, because, in the meanwhile, over it will cost \$14,402,820 a year to raise to them, and endeavored fo pick out the dif-50,000 veterans will have died, which will \$12 per month. make a reduction of at least \$7,200,000 in the cost of the bill. Whether it is right to ows receiving \$8 per month, and it will come familiar by the pictures in the illus to the Japanese blocking the entrance to "save" this amount for the Treasury at cost \$7,552,040 to raise them to \$12 per trated papers. the harbor of Port Arthur. It would have such an expense to the men who did not month. saved them from those pesky little Ja- hesitate at the cost to themselves when their country needed them, is another and

very serious question. Commander-in-Chief Black and other friends of the veterans in and out of ing, we had better have the rate placed at Old law-Invalids...... \$4,945,658.60 mens' would be a recognition of the service principle, and an increase of the rating might Act of June 27, 1890 would be a recognition of the service prinbe hoped for from future legislation. Still of time, and that it should be passed in the near future.

It is now 39 years since the close of the It is significant of the greatness of our war of the rebellion, or a longer period of one hour each, while Europe needs only Mexican Service Pension Bill. The men three. The western time zone of Europe who fought through the war of the rebelburg, which is 30 degrees-two hours- listed for the Mexican War, and conseeast of Greenwich, and furnishes the time quently the service pension should come for European Russia, and eastern Ger- to them years earlier than to their com-

Dresden. This includes most of Germany, and the friends of the veterans to do, and grand total was 1,000,516 men. through the gates of torture to the peace Austria-Hungary and Italy. France, | that is to continue with the utmost earntime. The time-zone is an American of the law relaxing no effort that promises

at the next session.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

Last week the Japanese continued their and a fourth engagement ensued between the Japanese fleet and that of the Russians. It was a very spirited action, and the first form is indicated elsewhere. It may be of torpedo boats and torpedo-boat de-Interesting to mention in this connection stroyers. Both sides behaved with great have to wait eight years before they will gallantry and skill, and the Russians be eligible under the 62-years' clause. and wornout disease; that is, it has ex- showed more aggressiveness than at any (sted in our race so long that we have, as time since the beginning of the war. The a rule, become more or less immune to it, result was disastrous to the Russians, who and consequently its effect is quite slight lost their best torpedo-boat destroyer. They upon those whose ancestors suffered from the lost the light lost their best torpedo-boat destroyer. They been married since the passage of the Act crowned by a lofty building with a front the light lost their best torpedo-boat destroyer. They been married since the passage of the Act crowned by a lofty building with a front lost their best torpedo-boat destroyer. They been married since the passage of the Act crowned by a lofty building with a front lost their best torpedo-boat destroyer. They been married since the passage of the Act crowned by a lofty building with a front lost their best torpedo-boat destroyer. It. It is only severe upon those whose the Japanese, but this is not affirmed by of June 27, 1890, and are therefore de of tall granite columns, and surrounded Corefathers, living in isolated regions, have the Japanese official report, which bears barred under that Act. not suffered from the disease. When it the evidence of truth. The Japanese say attacks them, especially after they have that they sank one torpedo-boat destroyer, arrived at maturity, its ravages are fear- and seriously damaged several others, be- total cost of the passage of the G. A. R. ful. This was particularly noticeable in sides placing mines in the mouth of the Service Pension Bill can cause an increase the rebel army, where measles probably river to prevent the Russians from comkilled more men than Yankee bullets. The ing out. The Japanese also think they teason was that a large proportion of the have inflicted great damage upon the town recruits came from isolated mountain dis- and the shipping by a bombardment with tricts where there had been no measles their 12-inch guns, with a loss to themfor generations. When they came into selves of only nine killed, five seriously camp, and caught the disease, without wounded, and 17 slightly hurt, and no damany proper means for being taken care of, age of consequence to their fleet. This the ravages were fearful, and every camp seems an astonishingly small loss for the was dotted around about with the victims reported desperate character of the fighting, where the torpedo-boat destroyers were frequently almost touching. It is asserted wherever it gets a foothold among them. that the Russians lost 65 men killed in the affair.

The Russians claim that the bombard ment caused little real damage, and that they have already pretty nearly repaired the injury to their battleships and cruisers inflicted in the previous assaults. This. however, is doubted, and the prevailing opinion is that the Russians are suffering severely, and the abandonment of Port can be drawn would then be upon the

The Japanese force in Korea has adsippi and Louisiana the poll-tax law has the near Niuchwang is the more likely. been in operation 14 years, and the people This is a point upon which the Japanese

THERE is a talk of the probability of a be Adlai Stevenson at the head of the Dem-until the tattoo roll call, when he expected

THE UTMOST COST OF THE G.A.R. SERVICE

There is no excuse whatever for the great exaggerations which are set affoat as to the enormous cost of the G. A. R. Service Pension Bill. While it will certainly cost a great deal, yet the amount is not excessive for this country and day of large expenditures for other much less worthy objects, and the maximum cost will be only the first year, after which show how little excuse there is for this gross exaggeration, let us take again the

96,450 invalids on the pension roll under stormcenter of the bloodiest convulsion will cost half that much. All the same, the old law at ratings less than \$12 per menth. They are at present receiving \$8,upon Congress, and it seems as if the de- 943,131.40 a year, and to raise them all cision has been arrived at to postpone the to \$12 per month will cost the Governpassage of this measure of justice until ment \$4,945,658.60. There are 118 widows on the same roll at less than \$12 per month, which it will cost \$5,568 to raise the whole world. While the regiment

There are on the same roll 157,355 wid-

not now pensioned, who will become eli- factories were only blackened walls.

veterans are now 62 years old, served 90 James, whose broad breast, now heaving days or more, and were honorably disthe rolls, the passage of the G. A. R. Ser- bottom, mere jagged heaps of junk, over vice Pension Bill would cost the first year which played the wavelets stirred by the

pensioned ...... 14,400,000.00 Total .....\$41,306,086.60 This is the absolute limit, the very maximum, the highest possible.

The indeterminate figure is as to the number of widows of men who had served 90 days or and who were married to their huscan make the cost of these exceed \$2,000,- had begun to wash down under the Spring 000 more—say, \$43,000,000 for the gross rains; the ditches were filled with water; begin at once some very remarkable reduc-fortifications, were now fading under the

who are yet some years below 62.

To attain these enormous proporover very thoroughly. Hundreds of human misery in its place of torment, were thousands of boys who had grown up still visible, and the wretched ruins of thousands of boys who had grown up since the beginning of the struggle, but were too young to be accepted under the work for years to get it adopted. All the efforts to make sure that it will be adopted earlier calls, were now taken. Under the Winter, stood to tell the tale of all they call of July 18, 1864, 500,000 men were re-300,000 men, 212,212 more were furnished, attacks upon the harbor of Port Arthur, making a total of 598,673 in the last six months of the war. A very large proportion of these were the boys of 15 and upward above alluded to, and their survivors in which there has been an actual contest must consequently now be from 54 years upward. Very many of them probably will

Of the non-pensioned veterans tens of thousands will never apply for a pension, or have some bar in their way if they do.

Giving all these considerations a fair value, it does not seem possible that the in the annual expenditures for the first year of more than half the above gross it can cost more than \$23,000,000 or \$24,-000,000 the first year.

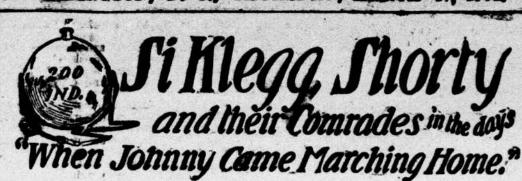
Then comes the next consideration. All the evidence goes to show that the veterans are dying off at the rate of 50,000 a year, and their widows, certainly those who were married to them prior to June 27, 1890, are now old women and dying 50,000 and more a year would therefore make a reduction of at least 50,000 times \$144 a year, or \$7,200,000.

It the bill were passed to-morrow there would be at least 25,000 deaths before it could be put into operation, and \$3,600,000 must be at once deducted for this.

As all material from which pensioners each year would show up astonishingly in the diminution of the pension expendithe pensioners who are on the rolls at rates exceeding \$12 per month, are in bad

These are figures known to everybody who cares to know anything about pensions, accessible to every one who cares ever for the exaggerations which have

THE quietest and slickest game now going on is said to be a three-cornered affair with W. R. Hearst on the bag in New York City, Wm. Jennings Bryan running Manchester, over the swaying pontoon the bases, and Adlai Stevenson sitting tight bridge, filed to the right at the first street, and saying nothing. Hearst and Bryan are the attention of the "rooters" on the benches, but the outcome of the game will



COPYRIGHT, 1908, BY THE PUBLISHERS OF THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE it will decline with startling rapidity. To Entrance Into Richmond-Camp Near Libby. | surpassed only by Belle Isle, Salisbury, The Story of a Guard's Murder of an Officer.

o get an opportunity to plunder.

through the fire unscathed.

In the first place, there are at present called "Southern Confederacy"—the had fired the arsenal and the great warewhich a thousand battles had been fought, and hundreds of thousands of men died. To the boys, who had been for years in the turmoil of the fierce events which had their mainspring in Richmond, it was incomparably the most interesting place in ferent places of which they had read so so much and with which they had be-

Below them was what had been the lourishing little manufacturing town of There are also not over 100,000 veterans | Manchester. Now many of its mills and gible to pensions, so that it would cost the four great, long bridges which spanned the river to Richmond only the \$14,400,000 to put them all on the roll. piers remained. To them was anchored Therefore, if we assume that all these an army pontoon bridge crossing the passing Spring breezes. On the docks still smoked piles of cotton-bales representing whole fortunes, but wantonly 5,568.00 burned by the last mad acts of the wicked

Nearly one-half of Richmond was in Where had been great ware houses, factories and mills were now only ragged and toppling walls and chimneys standing in dismal loneliness.

A wide range of hills circled around the

city, forming the horizon. On the summits of these, breaking the sky-line with their huge crenelations, were powerful forts, their high red banks standing in grim sur-liness. Gone, however, was their strength and terror. The men who had garrisoned them, the men who had stood behind those black, sullen guns, were now pris-oners of war on parole, intent upon nothtions. In the first place, there must be fresh grass springing up where the foot-hundreds of thousands of veterans alive sole ceased to grind.

In the center of the river, above the bridges, lay Belle Isle of hateful memory, many and Austro-Hungary. The central rades of the other war.

The greatest strength the army reached during the war was May 1, 1865, when its thousands of gallant souls had passed

Encircling embankments, upon shacks and shanties, built with weak and bleeding hands by the prisoners to get some shelter from the bitterness of the had suffered and endured.

Near were the famous Tredegar Iron quired, and the States furnished 386,461; Works, the principal forges in the Southern and under the call of Dec. 19, 1864, for Confederacy whence were sent most of the cannon, shot and shell which shattered and shook, and mangled and slew on the batlefields where treason bitterly resisted loyalty and law.

Miles down the river to the right the view was closed by the frowning sides of fort Darling, standing on a high bluff, where it had safely guarded the approach to Richmond by the river since that day in the Summer of 1862 when it had successfully beaten back our ironclads.

"And that is the Virginia State House and the Capitol of the late unlamented Confederacy," said Monty Scruggs, pointing across the wide waste of blackened by bronze statues of Virginia's great men. "That's it, and it looks exactly like its pictures.

"That's so," echoed Harry Joslyn. "That's the nest where all this devilment was hatched. Just think of it, and the fire has not hurt it a bit-not even scorched one of the trees in the park around it." "The judgments of God are unsearchtotal: that is, it is highly improbable that able and His ways past finding out," remarked Monty oracularly, remembering his last Sunday-school lesson.

"It's a magnificent building, all the said Alf Russell. "Nothing could be finer than the way it stands up there overlooking the city, and how beautiful are the grounds around it."

"Yes," said Monty, "but fairer than the morn, and more beautiful than the East, is the Flag that is now floating over it. off with equal rapidity. A death rate of Great heavens, boys! Where's your enthusiasm? It's worth 100 times all we've been through, to stand right here and see with our own eyes Old Glory floating over the headquarters of the Southern Confederacy. Let's give three cheers and a tiger for the Flag on the rebel Capitol!"

They yelled as if they would split their lungs. Co. Q promptly joined in, and then he regiment, and pretty soon the whole division had caught the infection and was yelling their delight at the sight. And the Fing too seemed to answer them, for it floated out with a gentle, majestic wave, its bright colors gleaming the sparkling sunshine, as if making a

mighty.

And then the boys cheered again and Then an Aid came by with the orders

and after reading them, Maj. Bowersox called the regiment into line and said:
"Men, I am glad to say that we will march into the city, and remain there until to-morrow sometime, so you will all have an opportunity to see the sights. I know you will all behave yourselves, so I'll not offend you by repeating the admonitions the General has given me as to your conduct. You"know what I expect of you, and what is due to the honor of the regiment, and that's enough. Right face!-

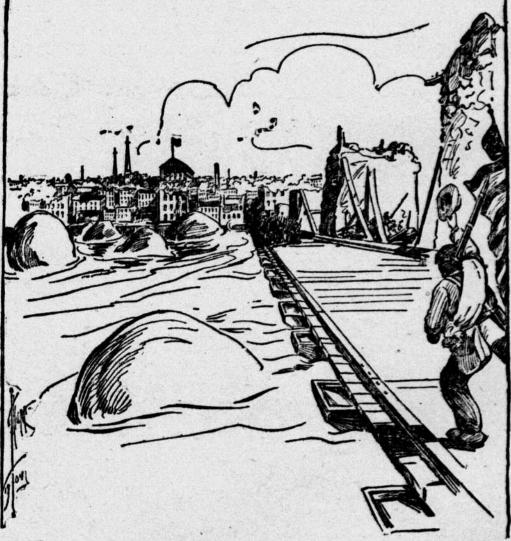
Down they went through the town of marched down a little way, and went into camp on the vacant space in front of the famous Libby Prison. In dismissing them to make camp, the Major announced that they would be edusidered as having passes everyone to answer his name.

stopped for the day and night were some skip out through those vacant buildings

went straight to the house of Miss Van Lew, a well-known Union woman, where they were kept concealed for a couple of weeks, and then sent through to the Union lines on the underground railroad, that ran all the time."

"Good for Streight," said the boys.
"He's from Indiana. He gets there."
"How long were you in there, Captain?" inquired Monty Scruggs.
"Something over a year. I was captured at Cattreburg and beat prisoner. months ago, when I broke away from of April, and were sent to relieve a North All other thoughts and interests in the minds of the boys faded at the sight of Richmond, the Capital of the late so-called "Southern Confederacy"—the stormcenter of the bloodiest convulsion that ever wrecked a land—guerdon for which a thousand battles had been fought, Then followed the saturnalia of arson and sythe, a splendid young fellow, belonging ped out into the street, leveled your gun, to the 100th Ohio, whom we all took to at took good aim, and shot him dead.' Then followed the saturnalia of arson and robbery by the lawless elements, who, re-leased from control by the flight of the first sight. In a week he and I were fast friends, and had agreed to be partners for the rest of life. He was looking out of authorities, had extended the fires in order The Scott, Pemberton and Smith Buildthat window there, when a guard on the ings were masses of ruins, but Libby sidewalk deliberately walked out into the street to get better aim, leveled his gun, and shot him dead. I studied the murrison and Castle Thunder had passed

The rebels who had camped on the va-cant lots had left them in frightful condi-upon my mind. I swore that if I was



ion. All abandoned camps are badsome busied themselves cooking, the rest

around them, they were too good soldiers to neglect their dinners or their camp grounds for them. Before they pitched heir shelter-tents, or allowed blankets to touch the ground, they cleared up all bricks and other debris, and carefully swept its surface into the fire, to get rid of all insect legacies from its former occupants.

By the time those engaged in this work had finished it, had the tents pitched and the blankets spread out inside, their bunkies had finished the cooking, and after Then they lighted their pipes and began to take in the sights.

First, and most interesting of all, was battle of Bull Run, with the confinement there of Gen. Willcox, Col. Michael Corcoran, Congressman Ely, and other victims of that disaster, and had been hightened every month after by the sufferings of scared man when arrested you ever saw, other distinguished defenders of the Union. and his jet-black hair turned so gray in The boys saw across the street a large, grimy warehouse, or rather three large warehouses built together, three stories ligh in front, four stories in the rear, where the ground sloped down toward the was gloomy and sinister to the last degree. But the Star-Spangled Banner now floated from the flag-staff on the roof, and the sentries pacing their beats around the prison were negroes, wearing the good old blue. From the faces seen at the windows it was evident that the building was full of prisoners, but they were of different Joslyn. "We were all in Andersonville, the star of the sunderling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. Dick was a mere underling, who had to carry out his superior's orders. of prisoners, but they were of different political stripe from the occupants of the and are sour down to our toenails on every-

past four years.

A young Captain was sitting out in front of the office corner of the prison, on the very chair the brutal Maj. Turner used to occupy, and as he looked frank and "folksey," the boys walked up to him saluted, and Monty Scruggs inquired: the boys walked up to him, "So this is the famous Libby Prison, is t. Captain?"

"Yes, or infamous, rather," replied the Captain. "Where do you belong?" They proudly announced their memberhip in the 200th Ind. with the customary air of its being the best regiment in Sherman's army, and Sherman's army the best that ever marched to battle, at which the Captain smiled indulgently, as if accus-tomed to that sort of thing. He said: "I remember a good many Indiana men in prison here with me-I boarded inside there for several months myself. I knew Col. Streight and all his officers very well, But I don't remember any from your regi-

'No: none of our officers had the luck to be captured. About everything else

prison at the time, and was awfully disappointed that I did not get a chance to go out when he did. But it was the best kept secret I ever knew. I generally manage to know whatever is going on around me, but I never dreamed of that thing. as many weeks as they were working at it When I did find out everybody knew of it, and there was such a rush for the hole properly gave the preference to the men who had been working at the tunnel, and hen to the rest of his Indiana friends. You see, Streight made two attempts to have been very stupid and green a year escape. The first time he bribed the before, when he killed poor George Forguards, or thought he did, at the east end of the building—come around here and I'll show you. (They walked down the street, any kind. to the farther end, and the Cantain pointed up.) There, that was his window. The gnards agreed for two silver watches and \$150 in greenbacks, which Streight gave them, to let him and his Adjutant slide down from his window by a rope, and skip out through those vacant buildings with my own rijimint, he answered, with my own rijimint, he answered, with up.) There, that was his window. The The ground on which the regiment down from his window by a rope, and

OLD GLORY WAS FLOATING OVER THE READQUARTERS OF THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY. spared to get out of there that, come what those of the rebels were hideous, especially would, I would find and kill him. I flared up at once, and went out there and to such tidy campers as the 200th Ind. had gloated over the different ways I conjured and—shot him.' grown to be. But the boys recognized not only that they would have to stay there anyway, but that it was an excellent location from which to go sight seeing. They and shoot him down before her, after tellblood would sprinkle them as George Forsythe's had me. I used to wake up in the night and imagine ways to make my revenge more awful. When we broke over the lines around Petersburg, the 2d of back. among the prisoners, which we were gathering in by the hundreds and thousands for that man. If I had found him I should have killed him in hot blood, and he was about the only man I really wanted to kill. But I didn't find him, nor a single one of the guards who used to pace around wash all around, dinner was in order. the prison. I'm afraid none of them would have been used very courteously if he had fallen into my hands. I kept up the search for the fellow after I had been the notorious Libby Prison, the wicked assigned to duty here, and the place began fame of which had begun after the first to fill up with men accused of crimes against the laws of war. By the way, I want to say that we have got inside there, in close confinement. Dick Turner, the old turnkey of the prison. He was the worst

and his jet-black hair turned so gray in a few days that it startled me.' "Why didn't they hang him at once to save feeding him?" inquired Monty. "Oh, he wasn't so bad as reported. was the other Turner, Maj. T. P. Turner, river. All the windows were heavily the commander of the prison, who was rebarred, and the aspect of the building sponsible for its horrors. Dick was a mere

body who had anything to do with the tain; "but if you had been here and seen Dick Turner fallen from his high estate, where he can no longer curse and rave around at others, but have others curse

and rave around at him in a way most injurious to his feelings, you would think that he was getting a pretty stiff dose of punishment. Just think, for four years Dick felt that he was the almighty ruler of this roost, and the way he ordered about filled his soul full to the measure of content and self-importance. Now, a darky Sergeant, in blue uniform, orders him around. He won't have any back talk from him either, and chucks him into the cells where Dick formerly put those who displeased him. I ought to be ashamed to say that I rather encouraged that darky he has had enough, and I'll let up on it now. One day when I was sitting out in my chair in front of the office there, which used to be Dick's throne, I saw a man come down Cary street whose motions seemed familiar. He looked up at the window where poor George Forsythe was shot, and then walked out into the street to precisely where the guard stood when he shot him. At once I saw that that was the man I had been looking for. It took me only about three jumps to reach him and knock him down. My Sergeant here had followed me, and immediately had the man, with his hands tied behind him. That darky Sergeant of mine is a daisy when it comes. to handling prisoners—he is a born policeman. I had the prisoner brought up to my place here, and put down in a chair, while I took my seat, studied him over, and thought what I should do with him. Instead of being the cruel, bloodthirsty villain that I had imagined him, I saw he was rather a shallow chunk of soggishness, who must any kind.
""What'd you jump on me fur?" he com-

"'I was conscripted Winter 'fore last,

"That was it, as I suspected from his appearance. He was a raw recruit at the time he shot Forsythe, and had been deviled into it by the older soldiers. I

"How long were you in there, Captain?" inquired Monty Scruggs.

"Something over a year. I was captured at Gettysburg, and kept prisoner till the last of July. Long enough for me, I tell you. I don't see how I could have stood it another day. I was so broken down that the Surgeons would not let me go back to my regiment up until about two months ago, when I broke away from of April, and were sent to relieve a North

"I spoke slowly, distinctly and without a trace of temper, like a Judge pronouncing a sentence, and watched his face for the effect of each word. It was worth while. He stared open-eyed at me, as I stated what I knew of his regiment and him. His dull, fat face became ashen white, and his expression of wonderment changed to fearfright as I proceeded.
"Name o' God, Mister, how you know

all that? he gasped, as I stopped and gazed steadfastly at him. "We Yankees have a way of knowing

things that you can't understand,' I answered. 'It's all true, isn't it?'
"'Yes, its's true,' he admitted, and his fear began to manifest itself in actual tears. 'Yes, it's all true. Lord have mercy "'What made you kill that man?

"'Mister, you know so much I'll tell you the God's truth. I will, s'help me God. I was a recruit in that rijiment. I was the biggest and the greenest of the batch that the conscripters brung in. Everybody seemed to pick on me. They picked on al us recruits, but on me wusser'n ary one o the others, 'case I was so big and so green, I s'pose. They jes' got me half-crazy. They said that I'd be skeered to death when I see a Yankee, and I was to much of a softy to ever shoot at one. had a chicken-gizzard, and was afeared kill even a fly. They deviled me till I swore I'd kill the first Yankee I got a chance to, jest to show 'em. They brung the rijimint up here, and put us on guard. The North Carolinians we relieved gassed a great deal 'bout how many o' the Yankee officers the'd killed, and said they had to shoot one every day or two to keep the Yankees from bein' too sassy. The Yankees got so imperdent that they come to the windows and spit out on 'em. When our company went on guard that mornin' Maj. Turner he talked to us. He was mad and cross, and said he wished that every Yankee in there was dead and in his grave. He wanted us to be more strick with 'em than the others had been. The Yankees was gittin' entirely too imperdent to their betters. They was too powerfully sassy.
They must be kept back from the windows.
They had their orders to keep 'way from the windows, and when they went there it was to show their despisery of orders.
Killin' was too good for 'em, anyway, the white livered pigger thiore. white-livered nigger-thieves. Soon after went on post, I saw that man come to the window. He was laughin' as if he was makin' fun o' me and the Confederacy. I

"He seemed to collapse as he finished his confession, and I sat in absolute silence for some minutes, thinking over the awful tragedy. Then I asked in a less stern "'What made you come back to the spot

where you did that awful deed?"
"I dunno, he answered. " druv me to it. I couldn't keep away. The thing sorter hanted me. I can't never forgit that man's face, nor the look when my bullet struck him. I jest had to come

"Take him down to the dungeon ordered the Sergeant, and then I sat and thought of what I had read of murderer ing drawn by an irresistible fascination back to the scene of their crimes, and the presence of the corpses of their victims. cold blood, as I promised myself a thou-sand times I would do. That would appear to balance the account by making his poor, miserable life an offset for poor George's. That thought alone is intolerable. I know George would spurn the idea, if he is where he knows what is going on. I have kept the fellow employed at the filthiest, most repulsive work about the prison, and he accepts it without re sistance or complaint. This somewhat disarms me. I am worrying whether I should turn him over to a Military Commis with the evidence I have against him. To hang him would be in the way of justice, siekens me. What do von think about it. "I'd keep him cleaning up filth a while longer, while I thought about it, and then tie a rock about his neck and throw him

into the river, like a dog," said Monty (To be continued.) PERSONAL.

Capt. Chas. O. Pratt, after a prolonge truggle with the infirmities of the flesh died at the Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles Co., Cal., Oct. 10, 1903. Capt. Pratt entered the military service as Quartermas-ter-Sergeant of Co. A, 7th Mich. Cav., was promoted to Adjutant, and assigned to the staff of Gen. George A. Custer, do ing gallant service. After the war he became bookkeeper in the Works Co., in Chicago. He was a native of Michigan, and admitted to the Home

July, 1894. He leaves a brother and sereral sisters Richmond Pearson Hobson, ex-Naval Officer, has won out in his first move to enter politics. The Democratic and Con servative Committees of Alabama have rescinded a former resolution, and will al low his name to be placed upon the official ballot for the primary of April 11. He will oppose Representative John H. Bankhead, the sitting member from the Montgomer District.

elected Commander of W. H. Davies Post, of Carbondale, Pa., has an unusually fine elected Commander, and served four years in the office, refusing a re-elewas presented with a fine badge at the ion of his services, as a testimonia of the Post of his zeal and faithfulness office. Among other good works was the securing of the beautiful monument which ornaments the park at Carbondale. After as Commander of the Post, he again takes the gavel in hand, which is a rather phenomenal thing in Grand Army history. Comrade Jesse A. Putnam, Fredonia N. Y., has served as Quartermaster of E. D. Hall Post, Fredonia, N. Y., for 19 con-

secutive years.

C. M. Brown announces himself as the people's candidate for Governor of Florida, and that his recommendations are that he has been for 56 years a citizen of the State, a soldier under Gen. Lee from the first to the last day, carries four Yankee bullets as a tender reminder of that mighty struggle, is the friend of the people, and a man of deeds," and the lowing is his platform:

ITALY is far shead of the rest of the world in having the hours numbered consecutively, from midnight until the next midnight, instead of our combersome system of A. M. and P. M. France is now beginning to adopt the same system, and it should extend to the whole world.

JUDOR S. M. SWITH, of Kentnety, is a